

The case for change – why England needs a new care and support system

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Background Policy

- Our Health, Our Care, Our Say
- Putting People First
- The case for change – why England needs a new care and support system



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Drivers for change

- Demographics
- Expectations
- The Wanless Review
- Personalisation
 - ALfA
 - Good Day Programme etc



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Some statistics

- In the next 20 years, the number of people over 85 will double, the number over a 100 will quadruple
- Expectation that there will be a £6 billion funding gap nationally to deliver the same level of support



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Wider context

- Benefits
- Supporting People, Disabled Facilities Grant and Independent Living Fund
- Informal Carers
- NHS
- Scotland
- Personal Pensions



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Who pays for care?

- Individuals
- Government – National vs local
- Family

“The system must be affordable for government, individuals and families in the long run”



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What if fair?

- Postcode lottery vs local democratic choice
- Support to least able to pay vs support to those who plan and save
- Means testing vs universal services



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Other potential income sources?

- Personal pensions/savings
- Insurance products
- Equity release
- 'Compulsory' saving
- Universal/means tested benefits



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Key messages from:

- Local Boards
- Senior Citizens Forums



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- Key messages from:
 - Adult Social Services, including SMT, AMT in East and West Kent, Supporting People, Occupational Therapy Bureau and Policy Performance and Quality Assurance



Next steps

- The KCC response and public opinions will be sent to government by 28th November
- Government committed to publishing a Green Paper in 2009
- Further consultation will occur following this publication

